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SUBJ: US-EC CONSULTATIONS JAN 22 ON MTNS

REF: STATE 301569 (BEING REPEATED USEC BY GENEVA)

1. EC (ABBOTT) AND CULBERT MET DEC 29 TO
COMPARE NOTES ON OUR RESPECTIVE UNDERSTANDING OF
AGENDA AND SCENARIO FOR JAN 22 CONSULTATIONS IN BRUSSELS.
ALTHOUGH ABBOTT'S REPORTS
ON GREENWALD-GUNDELACH DISCUSSION DEC 22 AND DENT-LENG MEETING
COINCIDED IN MOST RESPECTS WITH USEC'S 11449
AND REFTEL, THERE WERE SOME DIFFERENCES, NAMELY:
A. SHOULD AGENDA COVER "ALL" MTN TOPICS (AS
ABBOTT'S LATEST GUIDANCE FROM BRUSSELS SUGGESTED)
OR BE CONFINED TO LISTING GIVEN REFTEL?
ABBOTT PERSONALLY THOUGHT THERE WERE SOME MISSING TOPICS OF
AT LEAST AS MUCH INTEREST AS SOME ON GUNDELACH'S ORIGINAL
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LIST, E.G., SECTORS AND CUSTOMS VALUATION. HE TOOK

NOTE OF MY SUGGESTION THAT PARA 3 REFTEL WOULD OFFER BOTH SIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION ANY OTHER MTN SUBJECT NOT SPECIFICALLY LISTED.

B. SHOULD US AND EC WORK OUT IN ADVANCE AN AGREED STATEMENT OF THE "STATE OF PLAY" AND "ROADBLOCKS" AS ABBOTT WAS INSTRUCTED TO DO AND, IF SO, HOW AS PRACTICAL MATTER WOULD THIS BE DONE? ABBOTT WAS CLEARLY UNSYMPATHETIC TO THIS IDEA, AND WAS CONCERNED THAT THE RESULT WOULD BE SO ANODYNE AS NOT TO BE WORTH THE EFFORT. I NOTED PER PARA 5 REFTEL THAT US SIDE WOULD BE PREPARING OUR OWN ISSUES PAPER AND SHARED HIS CONCERN ABOUT TIME AND EFFORT THAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO DEVELOP AN AGREED TEXT. WE LEFT THIS POINT WITH UNDERSTANDING ABBOTT WOULD ASCERTAIN IF GUNDELACH FELT STRONGLY THAT AGREED TEXTS NEEDED IN ADVANCE (HOPEFULLY NOT) AND BOTH SIDES MIGHT CONTEMPLATE EXCHANGING THEIR RESPECTIVE VERSIONS OF STATE OF PLAY/ROADBLOCK PAPERS ABOUT ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF JAN 22.

C. ABBOTT FELT EC WOULD HAVE LITTLE OR NOTHING TO SAY ON EITHER SUPPLY ACCESS OR SAFEGUARDS BEYOND NOTING EC HAS NOT DONE MUCH SERIOUS WORK ON EITHER TOPIC AND US-EC CONSULTATIONS MIGHT BE MORE PRODUCTIVE SOME MONTHS HENCE. HE DID NOT FORMALLY REQUEST DELETION OF THESE TOPICS BUT SIMPLY WISHED TO CAUTION US NOT TO EXPECT MUCH FROM EC SIDE.

D. BOTH OF US FELT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE THAT OUR RESPECTIVE PRINCIPLES SHOULD HAVE CLEARER IDEAS OF WHAT IS EXPECTED TO BE RAISED BY EACH SIDE UNDER ""OTHER LDC ISSUES IN THE MTN". WE NOTED THAT AN EXCHANGE OF OUR RESPECTIVE STATE OF PLAY/ ROADBLOCKS PAPERS COULD SERVE THIS PURPOSE IF WASHINGTON AND BRUSSELS AGREED.

E. CONCERNING NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS, ABBOTT ANTICIPATED GREAT DIFFICULTY IN KEEPING EC SIDE DOWN TO FOUR OR FIVE. HE THOUGH EC REPRESENTATION SHOULD CONSIST OF SOAMES, GUDNELACH, HANNAY, HIJZEN, PHAN VAN PHI, RABOT, LUYTEN, AND/OR ABBOTT. HE SAID HANNAY TRADITIONALLY ACCOMPANIES SOAMES TO MEETINGS OF THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KIND AND HIS PRESENCE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IF FOR ANY REASON SOAMES NOT ABLE TO ATTEND; PHAN VAN PHI NEEDED FOR CONTINUITY IN 1976 ESPECIALLY WITH HIJZEN'S CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITIES SHORTLY; RABOT OBVIOUSLY ESSENTIAL AND DITTO FOR AT LEAST ONE EC GENEVA REP.

2. ABBOTT HAD NO GUIDANCE ON WHETHER GUNDELACH

PREFERRED ONE DAY MEETING OR CONTINUATION MORNING JAN 23.
WE WILL CHECK.

3. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER ADVANCE EXCHANGE OF
STATE OF PLAY/ROADBLOCKS PAPERS ACCEPTABLE ABOUT
MID-JANUARY. CULBERT

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